PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 28, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee was held on **Tuesday**, **July 28**, **2009 at 3:45 p.m.**, **in Committee Room #2**. The following members were present:

The Honorable Cleta Winslow, Chair The Honorable C. T. Martin, Vice-Chair The Honorable Anne Fauver The Honorable Kwanza Hall The Honorable Joyce Sheperd The Honorable H. Lamar Willis

Others present at the meeting were: Jerry Deloach, Diane Mitchell and Amber Robinson, Law Department; Deputy Chiefs George Turner, Peter Andresen and Carlos Banda, Police Department; Deputy Chief W. Meadows, Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department; Judge D. Greene, Municipal Court; media, public and council staff.

Chair Cleta Winslow called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. after declaring a quorum present. She then proceeded with the following order of business.

- A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES ADOPTED
- B. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> <u>APPROVED</u>

CONSENT

C. RESOLUTIONS

Claims with favorable recommendations:

O9-R-1324 (1) Claim of <u>Central Insurance Company</u>, as subrogee of Ross <u>D</u>. <u>Bernhardt</u>, <u>Jr</u>., for damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of an automobile accident on August 11, 2008 on Interstate 75/85 at North Avenue. <u>\$16,290.33</u>

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RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

Claims with unfavorable recommendations:

- O9-R-1325 (2) Claim of Olouye Akintobi, through his attorney, David Lewis, for damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of a vehicular accident on September 25, 2008 at Metropolitan Parkway and Dill Avenue. §4,500.00
- O9-R-1326 (3) Claim of **Vincent Mosley**, for vehicular damages alleged to have been sustained from driving over a pothole in the road on April 23, 2009 at 914 Collier Road, NW. **\$2.351.27**
- O9-R-1327 (4) Claim of **Yakima Hudson**, for vehicular damages alleged to have been sustained from driving over a pothole in the road on April 28, 2009 at 914 Collier Road, NW. **\$1,779.98**

Claims with unfavorable recommendations:

- 09-R-1328 (5) Claim of <u>Derek Huggins</u>, for damages alleged to have been sustained from driving over a pothole on June 18, 2009 at Interstate 75 North near 14th Street.
- O9-R-1329 (6) Claim of <u>Travelers Indemnity Company</u>, as subrogee of <u>Margaret D. Hicks</u>, for vehicular damages alleged to have been sustained when tree limbs fell from a tree on April 13, 2009 at 92 Maddox Drive, NE.
- O9-R-1330 (7) Claim of <u>State Farm Insurance Companies</u>, as <u>subrogee of Sheila D. Wheat</u>, for damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of a vehicular accident on January 2, 2009 at North Avenue, NE and West Peachtree Street, NE.
- O9-R-1331 (8) Claim of <u>Travelers Property Casualty of America, as</u> subrogee of the <u>University Financing</u>, for property damages alleged to have been sustained when a banner fell and struck a window on January 14, 2008 at 84 Forsyth Street.

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RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

Claims with unfavorable recommendations:

- O9-R-1332 (9) Claim of <u>Phoenix Loss Control</u>, <u>as subrogee of Comcast</u>, for damages alleged to have been sustained when facilities were severed due to the installation of a bicycle sign on March 2, 2009 at 5780 Powers Ferry Road.
- 09-R-1333 (10) Claim of <u>Michael R. Young</u>, for vehicular damages alleged to have been sustained after driving over an elevated manhole on January 11, 2009 at 1959 Thomasville Estates Drive, SE.
- O9-R-1334 (11) Claim of <u>GEICO Direct</u>, <u>as subrogee of Rocky D. & Michael R. Young</u>, for vehicular damages alleged to have been sustained after driving over an elevated manhole on January 11, 2009 at 1959 Thomasville Estates Drive, SE.
- O9-R-1335 (12) Claim of <u>Trakina Spencer</u>, through her attorney, <u>Jack O</u>, <u>Morse</u>, <u>Attorney at Law</u>, for bodily injuries alleged to have been sustained after driving over an elevated manhole on May 26, 2008 at 1980 Thomasville Estates Drive, SE.
- O9-R-1336 (13) Claim of Sharron Shaw, through her attorney, J. Scott Anderson, The Anderson Law Group, P.C. for damages alleged to have been sustained from mishandling property seized by police on January 12, 2007 and January 16, 2007 at 675 Ponce de Leon Avenue, NE.
- O9-R-1337 (14) Claim of Eldred Buncomb, through his attorney, Wayne A.

 J. Wattley, The McIver Wattley Law Group, for damages alleged to have been sustained due to the constructive termination of employment in December 2008 at 254 Peachtree Street, SW.
- O9-R-1338 (15) Claim of **Toni Jones**, for vehicular damages alleged to have been sustained from driving over a pothole in the road on January 30, 2009 at Flat Shoals Avenue and Van Epps Avenue.

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RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

Claims with unfavorable recommendations:

- O9-R-1339 (16) Claim of **Betty S. Hatcher**, for vehicular damages alleged to have been sustained from driving over a defective area in the road on March 5, 2009 at Pine Valley Road, NW and Argonne Drive, NW.
- 09-R-1340 (17) Claim of <u>Angela Lane</u>, for vehicular damages alleged to have been sustained from driving over a defective area in the road on March 22, 2009 at 1318 Campbellton Road, SW.
- 09-R-1341 (18) Claim of <u>Mary Alexander-Hall</u>, for vehicular damages alleged to have been sustained from driving over a construction site on January 8, 2009 at 1150 Collier Road, NW.
- O9-R-1342 (19) Claim of **SU W. Yap**, for property damages alleged to have been sustained when a tree fell and struck a porch on May 4, 2009 at 804 Argonne Avenue.
- 09-R-1343 (20) Claim of <u>Mary Moon-Fore</u>, for damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of an accident on March 18, 2009 at 268 Rockyford Road, NE.
- O9-R-1344 (21) Claim of <u>Mahdi Mubarik</u>, a minor child, through his <u>attorney</u>, <u>James Kelleher</u>, for damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of an automobile accident on April 17, 2009 at Hightower Road and Hollywood Road.
- O9-R-1345 (22) Claim of <u>Magnus Aburime, through his attorney, Jason R.</u>
 Schultz, P.C., for bodily injuries alleged to have been sustained from an automobile accident on May 7, 2008 at Memorial Drive and Boulevard.
- O9-R-1346 (23) Claim of <u>The Lions Group, Inc.</u>, through its attorney. Bryan M. Cavan, Esq., Fincher, Denmark, Williams, LLC, for damages alleged to have been sustained from a delay in the relocation of water utilities from January 10, 2006 through December 31, 2006 at Dunwoody Place and Northridge Road.

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RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

Claims with unfavorable recommendations:

O9-R-1347 (24) Claim of Alan Loehle and Nicole Livieratos, individually and as parents and Legal guardians of Zack Loehle, through their attorney, Thomas Trask, for damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of an automobile accident on January 6, 2009 at Capital Avenue at Memorial

(Councilmember Fauver made a motion to approve Items C1-C24.)

FAVORABLE

D. ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

O9-O-1349 (1) An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee amending Chapter 98, Article IV of the City Code of Ordinances entitled "Department of Corrections" so as to set forth that vendors providing services which involve contact with detainees be required to obtain Tuberculosis Testing and Clearance for their employees prior to assignment at the Atlanta Department of Corrections; and for other purposes.

TO BE REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

E. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

O9-O-0996 (1) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Cleta Winslow and Jim Maddox as substituted and amended by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia adopted under and by virtue of the Authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965, O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-1, et seq., as amended, so as to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, 1996 Ga.

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ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING (CONT'D)

Laws P. 4469, et seq., by amending Part 1, Subpart A, Article IV (Courts); which shall be Section 4-118, to be entitled "Senior Judge" so as to create the position of Senior Judge of the Municipal Court, to set forth the duties thereof; and to set forth the compensation to be paid thereto; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.

(Councilmember Fauver made a motion to approve on substitute as amended.)

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED - 3RD READING, FINAL ADOPTION (1 ABSTENTION) WILLIS

09-0-1289 (2)

An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to accept a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), to aid the City of Atlanta's ongoing efforts to protect itself from terrorist bomb attacks through the purchase of specialized equipment, and to amend the 2010 (Intergovernmental Grant Fund) Department of Police Budget, by adding to anticipations and appropriations in the amount of \$459,700.00; and for other purposes.

(Councilmember Willis made a motion to approve.)

FAVORABLE

09-0-1290 (3)

An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee amending the FY10 (Intergovernmental Grant Fund) Budget for the City of Atlanta Municipal Court, Community Court Division, by adding to anticipations and appropriations a Supplemental Award in the amount of \$50,000.00 and Grant Extension through June 30, 2010 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the purpose of continuing the provision of a Restorative Board in the English Ave./Vine City Area of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

(Councilmember Fauver made a motion to approve.)

FAVORABLE

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F. <u>RESOLUTIONS</u>

09-R-1348 (1)

A Resolution by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee authorizing the Mayor or her designee to accept on behalf of the Atlanta City Department of Corrections (ACDC) Compensation in an amount not to exceed \$20.00 per dosage for the administration of Tuberculosis Testing to the employees of vendors assigned to the ACDC; and for other purposes.

(Councilmember Winslow made a motion to hold.)

HELD

09-R-1368 (2)

A Resolution by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee authorizing the settlement of all claims against the City of Atlanta in the case of City of Atlanta v. The Krystal Company, Fulton County Superior Court, Civil Action File No. 2009-CV-167316, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 related to the condemnation for certain sewer easement areas on property located in Land Lots 149 and 150 of the 17th District of Fulton County, Georgia, said property having the address of 626 14th Street, Atlanta, GA with a Tax Identification No. of 0017-0150-0009-067-2 and owned by The Krystal Company; that all monetary settlement amounts be charged to and paid from Fund 5051 (Watershed & Wastewater Fund), Account 170201 (DWM Wastewater Treatment & Collections); 5750002 (Property/Liquidation); 4310000 (Sanitary Administration); authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to distribute the settlement amount; and for other purposes.

(Councilmember Fauver made a motion to approve.)

FAVORABLE

G. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE

O6-R-0433 (1) Claim of <u>Robert Colgin</u>, for damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of flooding on July 9, 2005 at 3340 Chatham Road, NW. (Referred back by Council 2/20/06) (Held 2/28/06 for further investigation at the request of Councilmember Muller)

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PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

06-0-1044 (2)

An Ordinance by Councilmembers H. Lamar Willis and C. T. Martin to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, Chapter 162, Article 2, Section 162-61(a) and Chapter 162, Article 2, Section 162-34(f) to allow short breaks in service for Taxicabs; to allow the Chief of Police or his designee, discretion to grant further extension for correction slip matters; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Held 5/9/06 at the request of Councilmember Martin)

HELD

07-0-1525 (3)

An Ordinance by Councilmember Joyce Sheperd to amend Section 122-172 under Chapter 122, Article V, Division 2, of the Code of Ordinances, so as to provide for a review by the affected Neighborhood Planning Unit(s) whenever an application for a license to operate a Secondary Metal Recycler is submitted; and for other purposes. (Held 7/31/07 at the request of the author for further review. 9/25/07 a motion was approved to forward to the NPU's for review)

HELD

07-0-1795 (4)

An Ordinance by Councilmember H. Lamar Willis to establish Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta entitled "Transportation of Hazardous Materials"; to create a new Article I to be entitled "Terrorism Prevention in Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 2007," to create a new Division 1 to be entitled "Terrorism Prevention in Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 2007"; so as to prohibit large shipments of certain extremely hazardous materials near the City of Atlanta in an effort to reduce the risk of attacks by terrorists; to allow for the issuance of permits authorizing such shipments in special cases; to require the Mayor to issue regulations to implement the provisions of this act; and for other purposes. (Held 8/28/07 for further review.)

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PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

07-0-1879 (5)

An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to revise the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances pertaining to secondary metal recyclers by amending the following Sections of Chapter 122, Article V, Divisions I and II; Section 122-151 (Definitions); Section 122-152 (Records Required); and Section 122-157 (Unlawful Acts); Section 122-171 (Required Application); to add the following new Sections to Chapter 122, Article V, Divisions I and II of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances: Section 122-158 (Daily Written Report to Police); Section 122-159 (Offenses; Defenses, Penalty); Section 122-160 (Possessor of Secondary Metals); Section 122-161 (License to Possess Secondary Metals); Section 122-162 (Revocation of License to Possess Secondary Metals); and Section 122-170 (Processing Application; Issuance of License, Possessor of Secondary Metals); to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other (Public Hearing held on 10/30/07) (Held purposes. 10/30/07 for further review)

HELD

07-R-2294 (6)

A Resolution by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee authorizing the Mayor to approve or reject the decision of the evaluator presiding in the early neutral evaluation process, an alternative dispute resolution process, in the matter of <u>Veolia Water North America Operating Services</u>, <u>LLC v. City of Atlanta</u>, in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Civil Action No. 06-CV-1457-TWT; and for other purposes. (Held 10/30/07 for further review)

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PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

07-O-2513 (7)

An Ordinance by Councilmember Ceasar C. Mitchell to amend Ordinance #07-O-2135, adopted October 15, 2007 and approved October 22, 2007, amending Section 10-12 of the City Code, which amendment eliminated the provision allowing persons 18 years of age or older to provide entertainment in any premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages, so as to exempt from said ordinance, those persons currently employed as entertainers with active and valid permits, which will afford such persons a "Grandfathered" status; and for other purposes. (Held 11/27/07 at the request of the author)

HELD

08-0-0190 (8)

An Ordinance by Councilmember H. Lamar Willis to amend Chapter 30, Article II of the City Code of Ordinances to reflect new fees for owners of Adult Entertainment establishments which sell alcohol to provide for certain programs for the prevention of sexual assault; and for other purposes. (Held 1/29/08 at the request of the author)

HELD

08-O-0507 (9)

An Ordinance by Councilmember Mary Norwood to create a new Section 106-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, to be entitled "Loitering"; and for other purposes. (Held 3/11/08 for further review by the Law Department)

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PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

08-O-0824 (10)

An Ordinance by Councilmembers Ceasar C. Mitchell, Cleta Winslow, Joyce M. Sheperd, Mary Norwood, C. T. Martin, Ivory L. Young, Jr., Kwanza Hall and H. Lamar Willis to amend Article V (Entitled "Offenses by and against Minors") of Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, by creating a new Section 106-229 to be entitled "Day-Time Curfew" so as to impose a Day-Time Curfew on minors, ages six (6) to sixteen (16) years; and for other purposes

(Councilmember Willis made a motion to approve.)

FAVORABLE

08-0-0884 (11)

An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to amend Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-1 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to amend the definition of the word "Restaurant" to more closely reflect the definition of the term "Bona Fide Full-Service Restaurant" contained in Chapter Three of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Held 5/27/08 for further review)

HELD

08-0-1147 (12)

A **Substitute** Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, adopted under the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965, O.C.G.A. 36-35-1 et seq., as amended, to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, 1996 Ga. Laws, P. 4469, et seq., by amending Article 4, Courts, Sections 4-106 and 4-109 regarding the appointment of Judges Pro Hac Vice to the Municipal Court of Atlanta; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Referred back from Council on 3rd Reading, Final Adoption) (Held 2/24/09)

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PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

O8-O-1211 (13) An Ordinance by Councilmembers H. L. Willis, C. T. Martin, Ivory L. Young, Jr. and Mary Norwood to create a separate Department/Organization (Dept/Org) to account for the activity of the Citizen Review Board (CRB); to move funds budgeted in the FY 2008 General Fund Budget in the Police Department's Public Affairs Unit for the purposes of the CRB; and for other purposes. (Held 6/10/08 for further review)

HELD

O8-O-1252 (14) An Ordinance by Councilmember Howard Shook to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, Chapter 10, Article II, Division 2, Section 10-94(a), to exempt certain properties from the distance requirements of 10-88 for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the

premises; and for other purposes. (Held 7/1/08 at the request of the Law Department)

HELD

08-O-1289 (15)

An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend Chapter 10, Article II, Division 2, Section 10-61, Entitled "Date for Payment of License Fees; Prorated Fees", to provide for an expiration date for all licenses issued under Division 2 of Chapter 10, Article II of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; to change the date by which all Annual License Fees and Renewal Applications of all Annual Licenses issued under Division 2 of Chapter 10, Article II of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances must be submitted; to provide for prorated fees based upon the new deadline; to set forth that the effective date of this amendment shall be January 2, 2009; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Held 7/15/08 at the request of the Law Department)

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PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

08-0-1538 (16)

An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jim Maddox, Joyce Sheperd, Mary Norwood, Ivory Lee Young, Jr., H. Lamar Willis, Kwanza Hall, C. T. Martin, Natalyn Archibong and Ceasar C. Mitchell to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia pursuant to the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965, O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-1 et seq., as amended, by amending Section 4-104 (d) so as to provide that for the next Election of Municipal Court Judges, to be held in 2009, if more than seven (7) Judges elect to continue to serve for an additional four year term, only the seven (7) Judges receiving the highest number of votes shall continue to serve; to waive conflicting ordinances and charter amendments; and for other purposes. (Referred back by Full Council on 8/18/08) (Held 8/26/08 for a legal opinion.)

HELD

08-O-1544 (17)

An Ordinance by Councilman C. T. Martin to amend Section 162-78 (a) (3) and (6) (Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia so as to eliminate the Annual Fingerprinting Requirement for Taxicab Drivers and to change the Driver's Training Course Requirement from annually to every three years; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Referred back by Full Council on 8/18/08) (Held 8/26/08 for further review.)

HELD

08-O-1753 (18)

An Ordinance by Councilmember Mary Norwood to amend Article XXIV entitled "Vending on Private Property"; and for other purposes. **(Held 9/9/08 for further review.)**

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PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

08-0-1760 (19)

An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jim Maddox, C. T. Martin, Cleta Winslow, H. Lamar Willis, Ceasar Mitchell, Ivory L. Young, Jr., Kwanza Hall and Clair Muller as substituted by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend Chapter 62, Article II, Division 1, of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, to create a new Section 62-27.1 which section shall provide that effective July 1, 2009, the number of Municipal Court Judges shall be eight (8); to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Held 9/9/08 for further review.) (Substituted and held 4/28/09; waiting for the Municipal Court to present its Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.)

HELD

08-0-2436 (20)

An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend Chapter 2, Article XVI, Division 11, Section 2-2211 and Chapter 2, Article XVI, Division 11, Section 2-2212 to provide for the disclosure of public police and corrections documents to the Citizen Review Board; to amend Chapter 98, Article II, Section 98-26(b)(3) and Chapter 98, Article IV, Section 98-153(b)(3) to require the Chiefs of Police and Corrections to appear before the Citizen Review Board upon request and set forth the reasons for delays in internal investigations into their employees' conduct; and for the other purposes. (Held 1/13/09) (Held 4/28/08 for a work session)

HELD

09-0-0389 (21)

An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend Section 10-75 (5) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia ("The Alcoholic Beverage Code") so as to correct a Code Section reference error contained therein; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Held 3/10/09 for further review)

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PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

O9-R-0621 (22) Claim of <u>Tremayne McReynolds</u>, for damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of a trip and fall incident in an uncovered water meter on July 15, 2008 at 277 Pharr Road, NE. (Referred back by Council 4/20/09) (Held 4/28/09 for further review)

HELD

O9-R-0722 (23) Claim of <u>Tracy Dummett</u>, for damages alleged to have been sustained from a police shooting incident on October 16, 2008 at 1500 Langston Avenue. (Held 4/28/09 at the request of Councilmember Sheperd for further review by the Law Department.)

HELD

O9-R-1030 (24) Claim of <u>Fred McFarlin</u>, for damages alleged to have been sustained when a door was broken by firemen on February 9, 2009 at 1865 Wellborne Drive, NE. (Held 6/9/09 at request of Councilmember Fauver.)

HELD

O9-O-1045 (25) An **Substitute** Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, Chapter 162, Article II, Section 162-77 (6) so as to specifically allow companies and third parties approved by the Bureau, to administer the examination which all new applicants for driver permits must pass in order to secure their initial permits; and for other purposes. (Substituted and held 6/30/09 for further review.)

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PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

09-O-1069 (26)

An Ordinance by Councilmember C. T. Martin to amend Section 162-260 (a), (Entitled "Fees Charged by Vehicle Immobilization Service") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to increase the allowable fee charged by Vehicle Immobilization Services, to the owner of any immobilized vehicle or personal property, from \$50.00 per day to \$75.00 per day; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Public Hearing held 7/14/09) (Held 7/14/09 for NPU notification process)

HELD

09-O-1178 (27)

An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, Chapter 162, Article II, Division 1, Section 162-36 to require that the dome lights, with which the roofs of all taxicabs must currently be affixed, be wired in such a way as to minimize the possibility of injury for the purpose of protecting the safety of taxicab drivers and passengers; and for other purposes. (Held 7/14/09 for further discussions.)

HELD

09-0-1179 (28)

An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, Chapter 162, Vehicles for Hire, to provide for a definition of taxicab safety equipment; to require signage on applicable taxicabs alerting passengers to the presence of a Digital Security Camera System; to require the installation of taxicab safety equipment in all taxicabs; to authorize the Chief of Police or his/her designee to establish, issue and revise rules, procedures and regulations to govern the specifications, installation and maintenance of the taxicab safety equipment, and to provide for enforcement of rules, procedures and regulations for the purpose of protecting the safety of taxicab drivers and passengers; and for other purposes. (Held 7/14/09 for further discussions.)

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PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

O9-C-1205 (29) A Communication from President & CEO Leona Barr-Davenport, Atlanta Business League, to President Lisa M. Borders and Members of Council submitting the Atlanta Business League's re-appointment of Mr. Owen Montague to serve as a member of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board. This re-appointment is for a term of three (3) years, retroactive to June 04, 2009 and expires June 04, 2012. (Councilmember Fauver made a motion to approve.)

FAVORABLE - REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

H. REQUESTED ITEMS

- 1. Councilmember Sheperd made a request for a work session on liquor licensing.
- 2. Councilmember Willis made a request to Department of Police Major Williams to provide a briefing on an SOP that would not allow Retired Police Officers to work an extra job.
- 3. Councilmember Sheperd made a request for the Police Department to come back in September for an update on the Auditor's Recommendations regarding the Patrol Officer Availability Audit.
- 4. Councilmember Martin made a request to Malachi Hull for a copy of written complaints, the inspection checklist, and the paper work where affixed dome light wiring has been a problem.
- 5. Councilmember Winslow made a request to Malachi Hull that when there is a meeting of the Taxicab Industry regarding the drivers and the owners related to changes in legislation, that Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee members be notified by email.
- 6. Councilmember Hall made a request to Judge Deborah Greene for a chart that explains each judge's job duties and assignments.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Fredrieca Cooper

Legislative Assistant

Bernard Thomas

Research and Policy Analyst

The Honorable Cleta Winslow, Chair

Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee